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"Managing Change is Essential to Maturity"

As we start the new term, I extend to each of you my best wishes for what promises to be an exciting and eventful year at Ridley.

The beginning of any new school year brings familiar rhythms and patterns, and yet each year has certain nuances and characteristics which set it apart. At Ridley, there is a strong sense of tradition which is passed on from returning students to new ones. Over the years, that has been one of Ridley's *differences* -- a strong set of values, expectations, and responsibilities which are timeless and which, in large measure, have contributed to our long and proud history. It is something which none of us should ever take lightly.

And yet, the very fact that new students with different backgrounds, customs, expectations, language and experience continue to come to Ridley each September leads to inevitable change. A strange tug-of-war ensues: new students adapt to our customs and expectations and learn the "Ridley way" and, at the same time, they add their own views and values to the mix.

Some students manage change very well -- others have considerable difficulty *letting go* of what is comfortable and familiar. Yet managing change is an essential part of the maturing process. Adaptability and flexibility are universally accepted as key skills for future success.

Perhaps then our most important role as parents and faculty is to help our students adjust to the inevitable changes that each year brings. If we do our job well and provide sound guidance, the "threat" of change and the unfamiliar will dissipate. Then the school can function with the sure knowledge that its fundamental principles are intact and, at the same time, it is an institution marked by adaptability and progressive thought.

Douglas J. Campbell,
Headmaster

605 Register For Ridley in September 1990

Ridley is enjoying a very healthy enrolment this year with 496 students in Upper School and 109 in the Middle School, an increase of 20. Thirty-six per cent are new students to the school with the boy/girl ratio at 58% to 42%, respectively. The boarding component is at 392 with day students numbering 211.

Seventy per cent of our students are from Canada. Other country representatives: 34-Hong Kong, 26-United States, 13-The Bahamas, 9-Bermuda, and 9 from the Cayman Islands. 147 students are from outside Canada.

This year, Ridley awarded the amount of $700,000 in bursary assistance to 110 students who are primarily need-based.

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Recent Graduate Wins Scholarship from Alumni

Sean Moran '90 was a recipient of the Albert E. Nicholl Scholarship of $11,000. The **Spurlings, Michael '60 and Richard '65**, are the trustees for the scholarship fund and they presented Sean and three other recipients with the generous award in Bermuda recently. Sean will be attending Queen's University in Kingston this year.

Students Tour Europe

Rhonda Wagner, Grade 13, **Chantal Aubin**, Grade 12, **Tamez Cade**, Grade 12 & **Sarah Scott**, Grade 10 travelled with the Niagara Youth Orchestra to Europe this summer on a 25-day concert tour. The girls played in Mayen and Erlenbach, Germany; Schlanders and Vols, Italy; Graz, Austria and Budapest, Hungary. The group of 134 consisted of orchestra members, parents, and chaperons. The orchestra's repertoire included Rossini's *Barber of Seville Overture*, Tchaikowsky's *Swan Lake Suite*, Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante*, KV364 and other notable compositions.

Clothing Exchange

The Ridley College Women's Guild - Niagara Branch operates the Clothing Exchange. If parents have any articles (sports jackets, blazers, grey flannels, etc.) they would be accepted on a consignment basis. If you have clothing that is too small, call **Sheila Rose** at (416) 688-4718.

1990 Dramatic Production

EQUUS

Mandeville Theatre
Wednesday-Saturday,
November 21-24
Curtain: 8 a.m.

This year's major dramatic production at Ridley College is Peter Shaffer's contemporary and controversial play, *Equus*.

The play is an intense psychological drama. A psychiatrist is confronted by the compelling case of a young boy who, with no previous record of violence, has committed an unspeakable egregious assault on six thoroughbred horses in a stable where the boy was working as a groom.

The play follows the psychiatrist's progress in reaching the boy and in getting him to release more and more of what lies in his past and what might have led to this shocking act of violence. The complex layers of the boy's past are played out on the stage until the underlying cause of his act is finally revealed.

Equus is a gripping and terrifying dramatic experience, a theatrical masterpiece and a deeply moving treatment of a troubled human being. Most importantly, it is a play that challenges all our easy assumptions and comfortable assurances. Finally, as a play that accurately reflects the tragicomedy of life, it has some lovely and disarming moments of humour.

The production is directed by **Colin Brezicki**, whose past efforts at Ridley have included *The Crucible* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. It is hoped that as many Old Ridleians as possible will return to see the new Mandeville Theatre and modern-day Ridley's dramatic energies at work.

Tickets are $7 and may be reserved by calling Barb Helmkay at (416) 684-8193 or by writing to Colin Brezicki at the College.

Campus Improvements

The **Middle School Teaching Block** has been structurally underpinned by Newman Bros. and upon completion of the structural work, the entire teaching area was refurbished.

A new fire exit stair is under construction at the rear of **Gooderham House**, in preparation for the proposed student usage of the *Stem-of-the'T'*. The relocation of students to this area will take place after the Headmaster moves into his new house and the Gooderham West Housemaster moves into the Headmaster's old house. (complicated isn't it ?)

Two new **Leonard House** dormitory rooms have been created in the space previously occupied by the **Middle School Faculty**, along with a new dormitory area for **Burgoyne House** junior girls.

A very extensive weeping tile project has been undertaken by Penn Restoration in the area around **Dean's House and Gooderham House**. Trenches have been dug adjacent to these buildings down to below basement lev-

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New Members of Faculty Bring Eclectic Interests to Ridley

George Boucher, BA, MA (McGill), *Phys. Ed. Dept.* comes to Ridley from the Lakeshore School Board in Beaconsfield, Quebec. George will be teaching the Grade 13 Kinesiology course and will be on the Leonard House Duty Team.

Harry Clelland, BA (Cambridge) *Head of the Modern Languages Dept.* comes from Strathallan School in Scotland. Harry will coach Rugby and Field Hockey, and will be associated with Arthur Bishop East. Harry is married to Sandra and they have 3 children: Naomi, Gareth and Chantal.

Connie Cosgrove, RN (St. Joseph's - Hamilton) *Assistant Housemaster of Mandeville House*, has been at Ridley as a staff nurse for many years. Connie is married to David, Director of the Middle School, they have 2 children at the school - Lisa and Mark.

Charlene Hutton, BA (McMaster), *Assistant Housemaster of Gooderham West*. An alumnus of Ridley, Charlene was also educated at McMaster University and is married to Ken, who joined the faculty last year.

Paul Lafrance, BSc, BEd (Western), *Computer Studies Dept.*. Paul left Ajax High School, where he was the Assistant Head of Math, to come to Ridley. He will coaching Harriers and doing duty in Merritt South. Paul is married to Christine and they have a son, Jean-Denys.

Marilyn Martin, *Admissions Officer* and formerly a staff nurse in the infirmary. Marilyn has her RN from Kingston General and has been around the school for 14 years. She is married to Brian and they have3 girls. Marilyn will be in Mandeville House for duty.

Karen Oude-Reimerink, BSc (Waterloo) BEd (Toronto), *Physics Dept.*,. She has been substitute teaching at General Brock High School in Burlington. Karen will coach gymnastics and will be on the duty team in Dean's House. Karen's husband's name is Jake.

Lori Piening, BA (Guelph) *Art Dept.*, Lori will be coaching badminton, soccer and swimming and will be attached to Mandeville House.

Rodney Reimer, BA (Brock), *Computer Studies Dept.*, has been a lecturer at Brock University and a systems analyst at Canadian Tire Acceptance in Welland. Rodney is married to Rowan and they have 2 children, Zacary and Sasha.

Michael Tansley, LRAM, ARCM (Guildhall) DipEd (London), *Head of Music & Artistic Co-ordinator of Mandeville Theatre*, returns to Ridley after a 10 year absence. He has been at Albert College in Belleville since 1982. Michael will be on the duty team in Merritt South and is residing in the Housemaster's Residence attached to Mandeville House where his wife, Pamela, will be Housemaster. The Tansleys have 3 children: Kate, Claire & Thomas.

Pamela Tansley, DipPhys (Manitoba), *Housemaster of Mandeville House*, worked as a physiotherapist at Belleville General Hospital.

Alan Wilcox, BA, BEd (Western), *English Dept.*, joins his wife Vera (Housemaster of Gooderham East) on the faculty and will coach basketball and tennis and do duty in Merritt North. Alan has been teaching at Stamford Collegiate in Niagara Falls. The Wilcoxs have 2 children, Michael & Stephanie.

6 Junior Masters on Staff This Year

Karen Butt, *Junior Master*, has completed three years of schooling at Queen's University specializing in recreational activities. Her thesis involves work she is doing at Ridley. Karen will work in the Middle School and will assist with the junior girls.

Marc Clare, *Junior Master*, worked for Sports Ridley this past summer. He is in his final year of an Honours Programme at Brock University. Marc will assist in duty in Burgoyne House and with the outdoor education programme and athletic activities.

Simon Clarke, *Junior Master*, just graduated from the Shrewsbury School in England. Simon has played Soccer, Rugby and Cricket and will be a assisting in Middle School sports and duty.

Peter Miazga, *Junior Master*, is an alumnus of Ridley's Class of '87. Peter has been directing the computer camp at Sports Ridley for the last 4 years. He will be assisting in athletics, house duty and computer matters.

Chuck McCormick, BPE (Brock), *Junior Master*, will be assisting with Athletics and will have duty responsibilities.

Ashleigh Roberts, *Phys. Ed. Dept.* hails from the Australian College of Physical Education. Ashleigh is here on a practicum and will be residing in Burgoyne House.

Ridley College Association - Upcoming Events

Alumni Squash Tournament
Oxford Club, Toronto
September 27, 1990

Grand Valley Branch Meeting
Elora Mill, Elora
Wednesday, October 3, 1990

Women's Guild - Niagara Branch Annual Fall Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 1990
P.A.C. - 7:30 P.M.

Association Weekend
October 19, 20, 21, 1990

Women's Guild - Toronto Branch Fall Cocktail Party & Silent Auction
Thursday, November 1, 1990

I.S.A.A. Alumni Hockey
Lakefield College School
November 3 & 4, 1990

Bermuda Branch Meeting
'Cove Cottage', Point Shares
Tuesday, November 6, 1990

Halifax Branch Meeting
Halifax Sheraton
Thursday, November 15, 1990

Newfoundland Branch Meeting
Hotel Newfoundland
Friday, November 16, 1990

London Branch Meeting
London Hunt & Country Club
Thursday, November 22, 1990

Ridley Recycles

by Michael S. Tansley

I am coining the phrase which of course refers to the current obsession (and rightly so) with garbage recycling. Not wishing to be perceived as such, nevertheless, I have a sense of being recylced! After an absence of 10 years, the Tansley family is returning to Ridley - my wife, Pam, as a Housemaster of Mandeville House, and myself, to oversee the re-building of the Music Department, and to co-ordinate the artistic areas of the school.

As Director of Music in the 1970's, I presided over the birth of the P.A.C. (Performing Arts Centre) and the arrival of the first twelve girls on the Ridley campus - a somewhat synonomous happening. Ridley now enjoys the lovely new facilities that were lacking in the 70's - the envy of many other schools. Buildings are great, but we need bodies!

I am a firm believer that the presence of the female populus brings a commitment to the Arts, and in turn that promotes a positive effect on the males! This being the case - with a student body of 600, the Arts should be buzzing with talent and activity. It never ceases to amaze me how talented our students are - given the opportunity and encouragement to perform.

There are three areas I wish to address immediately:

- to revive the choral tradition back to its rightful place, both sacred and secular.
- to build our instrumental programme such that we have a strong string component to facilitate our own orchestra.
- to provide educational programmes in our theatre of an artistic nature where the student body can appreciate all art forms.

These areas pre-suppose that students will allow themselves to get involved. My task will not be easy, but I welcome the challenge, and I look forward to the support of current parents and the Ridley family at large to help me create an enviable Arts programme at Ridley College.

Farewell To a Grand Old Elm

by Allan J.J. Kling

One of Ridley's most stately landmarks is gone. The glorious American elm, whose magnificent canopy shaded thousands of Ridleians as they passed through the chapel doors, was removed this September - yet another victim of the elm bark beetle.

Planted shortly after School House was completed in 1905, this 70 foot specimen was one of over 130 American elms that once graced the Ridley campus. Many will recall the leafy arcade of elms along the main drive (sic), and those in front of the Iggulden Gymnasium, which provided such a pleasant border between the Upper and Middle Schools.

It is something of a miracle that the chapel elm survived as long as it did. While it is not clear when the bark beetle first arrived in Canada, we do know that the destruction of Ridley's elms was well underway by the 1950's. (The cause of disease was not actually the beetle, but a fungus it carried.) By 1966, virtually all of our elms were dead and had to be removed, in many instances by crane.

When the cause of the malais became known, many Ridleians contributed both time and money to stave off the destruction. Experts were brought in, special treatments administered and the odd prayer offered in chapel. By this time most of the trees were beyond help, but the chapel elm was preserved for another 25 years.

The Ridley Tree Planting Programme

Ridley's campus has a unique landscape quality not often found in Canada. Three basic elements - wide uninterrupted sweeps of mown grass, groups and rows of tall forest trees and clusters of classical-style buildings - have been combined to create a restful and serene landscape. The delicate balance between these elements can be lost all too easily through indiscriminant development or the loss of trees to disease and natural degeneration.

In 1984, Ridley's Board of Governors authorized a long-term "Master Plan" for the campus that is intended to ensure a visually interesting and varied landscape that complements the many architecturally significant buildings found on the campus. Tree planting is a central element of the Master Plan. New Plantings of both deciduous and coniferous trees are necessary to preserve the original wooded nature of the campus. With this objective in mind, Ridley's Landscape Committee has been authorized to initiate and manage a programme in which friends and graduates are invited to donate trees to the school.

The Tree Planting Programme is open to everyone. Donations will go towards the purchase, installation and maintenance of trees on the Ridley campus. All trees will carry a plaque that gives the common and botanical names of the tree, the date of planting and the name of the donor or other name specified by the donor.

The programme will be launched this October 20th at Association Weekend. The Landscape Committee has prepared a booklet which contains all the details and copies will be distributed to members of the Ridley family in the coming months.

If you would like further information at this time or a copy of the booklet, please call or write Mary Bates in the Development Office at:

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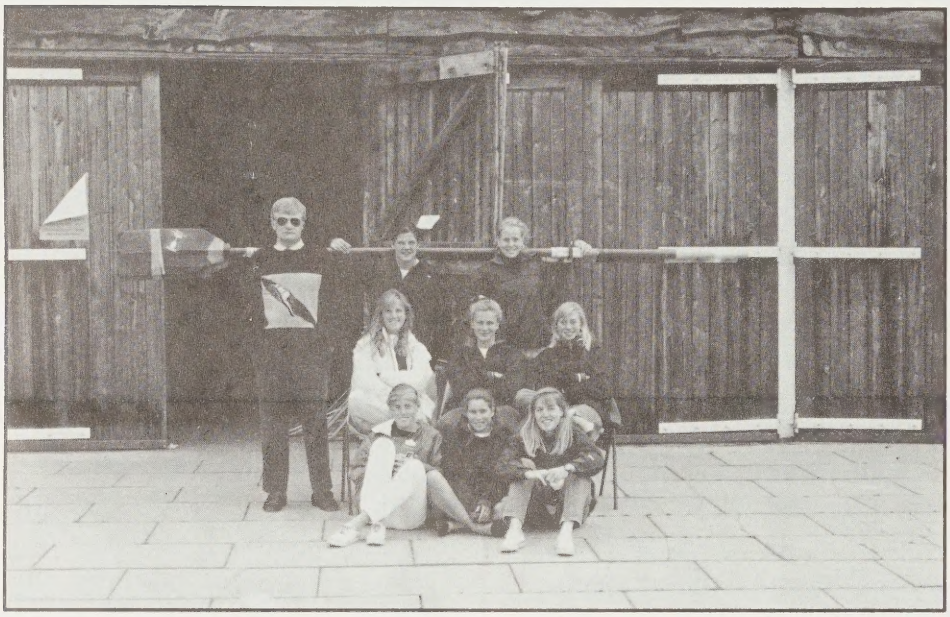
Successful Summer for Ridley Athletes



Ridley Graduate Boat Club/Melbourne University - winners of the Elite Lightweight Women's Eight at Canadian Henley. L-R: Sarah Hull '91, Rebecca Joyce, Sally Ninham, Heather Daniel '90, Christine Wellenreiter '90, Amanda Cross, Pam Westendorf, Sandra Bourk '89 and Fiona Milne '90.

The Ridley Graduate Boat Club combined forces with the Australian National Team's Elite Lightweight Women's 4 to win the Elite Lightweight Women's 8 at the 108th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta from August 8th to 12th (see photo above). **Nick Holmes** coached the Ridley girls who also captured a silver and 2 bronze medals at the regatta.

Susan Stremlaw, Grade 10 and **Kate Nickerson**, Grade 11, won the Canadian Junior B (Under 17) Championship held in St. Catharines on July 7th & 8th. They also won the Ontario Junior (under 19) Championship at Welland on July 28th & 29th. The girls came fifth in the intermediate pair at the Canadian Henley. *Congratulations girls!*

Catherine McKinley, Grade 13 was a member of a Junior Straight 4 that won the Canadian Junior Championships and then went on to place sixth in the World Junior Championships in France from July 21st-29th. *Great showing Catherine!*

Bryan Henry, Grade 13, and **Krissy Lockyer '90** were competing at the Canadian Junior Track & Field Championships held in Saint John, New Brunswick in July. Bryan placed sixth in the 800-metres, while Krissy placed seventh in the women's 800- metres. At the Ontario Junior Championship, held at York University, Bryan placed first in the 800-metres. Both Krissy and Bryan went on to compete in the Ontario Summer Games that were held in Kitchener. Bryan was 3rd in the 800 while Krissy took 4th place. Krissy also competed in the 1500-metres as well.

Improvements Continued...

el and pipes laid to direct ground water away from the buildings.

Merritt House has 24 newly renovated dormitory rooms in the centre section on the 2nd and 3rd flats. Kenmore Construction have completely refurbished the rooms.

The Performing Arts Centre has been completely refurbished into a great multi-purpose space for functions, drama, testing, etc..

The Iggulden Gymnasium floor has been sanded down to bare wood and refinished.

The History Wing has been completely refurbished.

Every dormitory room on campus has been refurbished

Headmaster's House - *Kenyon Lett House*. Kenmore Construction are well advanced with this project, designed by Toronto architect Jim Strasman. The house is scheduled for completion in November.

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